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OFFICE NEWS

hen we closed our books January we found that we had received in the year almost as much as year before for benevolences. n the few belated checks that e in the next few days we were over the top. This is quite re-kable when we consider that the erence was affected by the dry on; the foot and mouth disease; slump in the fig and raisin indus- and other industrial handicaps. uring the year we had liquidated mber of our accounts and invest-ts, turning them from the non-lucing to the producing column, that we were able to close our s with substantial balances in departments save one, The Pa-. May we ask for the hearty co-ation of our churches in sending arger subscription lists. We will n need the renewals of the first scriptions at the low price. With erous co-operation we can get the ewals and new subscriptions with e cost.

he Superintendent has been in-lance at the Mid-winter Confer-e held in Chicago, January 18-23. was a well attended meeting with rge delegation from the Northern ifornia Conference. The list is as ows: Rev. Jerome C. Holmes, rep-enting the American Board; Dr. rge W. Hinman, representing the erican Missionary Association; . Helen Ranney and Mrs. R. C. kwood, representing the Woman's rd of the Pacific; Rev. T. T. Gif-, as member of the Commission Missions, and Rev. H. H. Gill, as ector of the National Home Mis-nary Society. It was with great ret that Dr. Robert Brown could attend, as he is a member of the nmission on Missions and a Direc-of the Education Society.

he meeting has gone into history l will be noted for its most drastic ommendations, as presented by the mmittee of Twelve, looking toward reduction of our appeals from elve askings to four, or not over e, the consolidations of our periodi-s to one, or not over two, and the olishment of district offices where y were, in the interest of one so-ty and not doing administrative rk. All these matters will come fore the next National Council for cision.

The Commission on Missions voted permit the Southern California nference to take over the Oriental rk, now administered by the A. M. together with the receipts for that rk, from churches in that confer-ce, with an agreement that a given rcentage of these receipts be sent the A. M. A. for their national work.

That which concerns this office re than anything else is the action acing the responsibility for all pro-tional matters upon the several nference offices. It seems to be a rt of an anti-federalizing movement at is sweeping the country and anifesting itself in politics, as in the ild Labor Amendment, as well as the action of other denominations their movement away from central nominational control. It is highly portant that we recognize the ad-ce of the Superintendents, that we gard this not as a States Rights vement, but rather as a recognition States Duties and Responsibilities. here are altogether too many com-exes in this sweeping reaction to arrant our being advocates of a ates Rights movement as such.

It is highly proper that we accept this responsibility for promotion and that we proceed at once to make it tremendously effective. The recommendation of your Superintendent is that every church begin where it is to build solidly upon its present foundation and move its whole work upward as fast as it can without loss to the home base. That will be our program for the conference office.

The Building Society has just made a grant to assist in the erection of a Protestant Church building at Sherman Institute, the largest elementary United States Government Indian school in America, located near Riverside, Calif., and having an annual attendance of 1,000 boys and girls from reservations in twelve Western states, representing thirty-five to 40 different tribes. Every boy and girl is given a rudimentary education and training in some useful trade. About one-half of the students are registered as Protestants.

The American Missionary Association co-operates with other denominational boards in supporting a chaplain at this school.

"Life As A Cross-Word Puzzle"

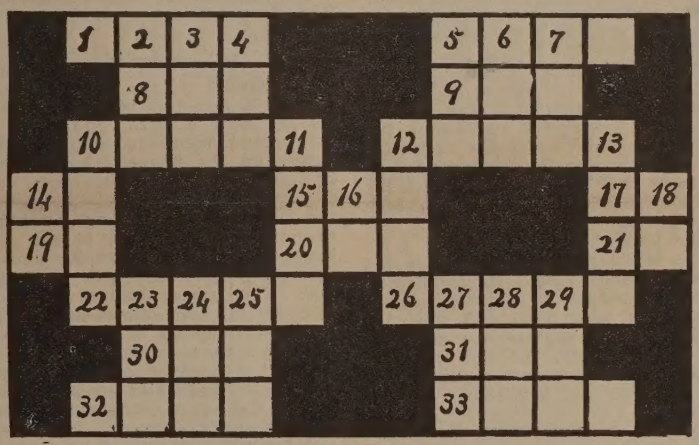
A few weeks ago in the Santa Cruz Church the pastor, Dr. Burton M. Palmer, preached on "Life as a Cross-Word Puzzle," having his sermon preceded by fifteen minutes' opportunity on the part of the audience to solve a cross-word puzzle he had prepared which concealed his evening's text. Some have asked that the puzzle he gave out that evening should be given further publicity, and we publish it below.

It should be said that the definitions were purposely simplified so that many in an average audience could solve the puzzle in ten or fifteen minutes and find the text. When they had done so, Dr. Palmer put their solution on a blackboard, making the method plain even to those who have escaped the cross-word puzzle fad; and then he preached a sermon. The gist of this was:

"Life is a cross-word puzzle. Let the horizontal lines represent your human contacts—relationships with your fellow-men; and the vertical columns your relationship with God—prayer, faith and worship. If you leave either out life is an insoluble puzzle, and you won't be able to check up and get a sure solution. But keep proving one by the other and the truth of life comes clear. The hermits and ascetics tried to solve the life puzzle by reading the vertical columns alone. They turned their backs upon their fellowmen to think only of God, and they got the wrong words even in the vertical columns. They called the Heavenly Father 'Governor,' they called men 'worms of the dust,' they called homes wicked, they called civic interest worldliness, and they called the hereafter the only part of life that was worth while.

"On the other hand, the modern unchurched man makes the opposite mistake. He tries to decipher the puzzle of right living out of the horizontals alone, leaving out prayer and faith and worship and the Heavenly Father. Thus we have brotherhoods that ignore the Fatherhood, philanthropies that try to leave out religion, and men trying to be good without faith. And they make poor work of their puzzle. You can't solve life and its meaning aright without reading both ways, Godward and manward."

Here is the puzzle that was used that evening:



HORIZONTALLY

1. A boat made of logs.
5. A volume.
8. A deer.
9. Conjunction.
10. What you bind a trunk with.
12. Liberated.
14. To exist.
15. Devoured.
17. Upon.
19. A pronoun (second person).
20. Part of a foot.
21. An interjection.
22. Holds.
26. A verb meaning "must."
30. A grassy field or plain.
31. Something to venerate.
32. To discover.
33. Small spots.

VERTICALLY

2. Fine work.
3. A preposition.
4. A beverage.
5. A rod of iron.
6. A numeral.
7. A short poem.
10. To search.
11. Gentle strokes.
12. A lawyer's charges.
13. What little girls love.
14. A preposition.
16. Toward.
18. A word of refusal.
23. An Old Testament priest's name.
24. Even (abbreviated).
25. A block of paper.
27. Part of the verb "to have."
28. Gone by.
29. Allow.

MISSION PARK PLANS SERVICES IN HONOR OF OLDEST MEMBER

Rev. Wm. C. Pond, D. D., celebrates his ninety-fifth birthday on Sunday, February 22nd. The morning service at Mission Park Church, San Francisco, of which Dr. Pond is a member, will be a special service in honor of this devoted servant of our common Lord and Master. It is hoped that a great company of Dr. Pond's friends will find it convenient to worship at Mission Park that morning.

On Monday night, February 23rd, at Mission Park Church, a great concert program is to be given in honor of Dr. William C. Pond, the oldest member of the church, who celebrates on February 22nd, his ninety-fifth birthday, and on February 23rd celebrates the seventy-third anniversary of his landing in San Francisco.

Admission to the concert will be by payment of ninety-five cents, or nine dollars and a half, or ninety-five dollars. The proceeds will be in aid of the cancellation of Mission Park Church's indebtedness to the Church Building Society.

In San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Petaluma, among American and Chinese people, there is a host of lovers of Dr. Pond. He hopes that a great multitude of them will rally to Mission Park Church.

If you are unable to be present, a check for the amount of your entrance made out to F. W. Finch, treasurer, and marked Dr. Pond Celebration, and mailed to Mr. Finch at 376 Sutter Street, will be duly acknowledged.

DR. McCALL LEAVES FOR AUSTRALIA

Rev. O. W. S. McCall, pastor at First Church, Berkeley, has sailed to Australia for a visit with his mother, who has been ill for a number of years. Dr. McCall chose this time for his trip, inasmuch as the new First Church building is just under way and it was felt that conditions would permit his absence now rather than after the completion of the building. He will return in four months in time to direct plans for the dedication of the new edifice.

Services are now being held in the Berkeley High School, while great progress is being made in the construction of the new church building.

PLEASE HELP US HELP

From the "Massachusetts Elephant" we clip the following lines, which exactly express our sentiments:

"If you have a bit of news,
Send it in;
Tale, or joke that will amuse,
Send it in;
Any story that is true,
Or an incident that's new,
We want to hear from you,
Send it in.
Never mind about the style—
If the news is worth the while,
It may help, or cause a smile,
Send it in!

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SONOMA ASSOCIATION

Glen Ellen and Kenwood—The churches in the Valley of the Moon have been serving for over thirty years. The church at Kenwood was organized in 1888 and the one at Glen Ellen in 1894. The latter was particularly influenced by the Sonoma church, which in 1874, only three years after its organization, began missionary efforts up the valley. At that time it was the only Protestant church between Santa Rosa and Vallejo. Through the work of Miss Elizabeth Clark (later Mrs. Wyley), and others, the church was developed out of the small Sunday School and a building erected.

The churches are splendid examples showing the wisdom of home missionary investment having had a most marked effect in actually transforming the community. Kenwood always had a goodly group of church-bred people. Glen Ellen, when the writer came to the valley over thirty years ago, was a typically Western pioneer town with eight saloons to two grocery stores. The saloons are gone. Through the influence of the church the Sunday mob of summer picnickers from San Francisco accompanied by their booze and their police were stopped and it has passed the memory of most residents when the town experienced the last "shooting up." People who once did not see the value of the church are now some of its finest workers. Young people have gone out from its school and grown into splendid character. The church is reaping now the service of several people who received their Christian training in the church when young. One is the director of young people, one a Sunday School teacher, one is the present pastor, and there have been others. The attitude of the community also is different. Let the pastors who have served and the friends in distant places look back and rejoice with exceeding great joy that efforts then are yielding now, some thirty-fold, some sixty, and some 100.

There came a time when the Glen Ellen church was without services for several years. Activity spontaneously revived again and for several years the work has been growing. The recent annual meeting evidenced a net growth of no less than 48 per cent in church membership during 1924 and an increase in attendance and a fine growing young people's society. Another evidence of development was the motion rising entirely from the floor to pay the full apportionment as fast as possible. The work of the present pastor has been greatly enhanced by the fine service of his predecessors, Rev. Hannaford and his wife.

Both churches are especially blessed with faithful and efficient officers. Records are carefully kept; bills are promptly paid. The superintendent of the church school is a diligent worker and is now organizing a Boy Scout troop at Glen Ellen. No place of worship is more neatly and carefully kept.

As further evidence of the spirit manifest, a most substantial purse was presented from both churches and friends to the pastor and wife, which went a long way in payment on a machine to render the work more efficient. E. M. C. returns show more support pledged than ever before, including benevolence.

One of the most joyful occasions was the presence of the former pastor, Rev. W. H. Hannaford, and wife, at the annual meetings of the churches at the invitation of the pastor. No fellowship could have been happier. Besides the regular monthly socials, which are at once enjoyable and profitable, other plans of development are in progress. The outlook is encouraging.—Wm. J. Youngman.

Sebastopol—The Sunday School held a Christmas celebration with a fine program, and an offering for benevolences. The annual meeting of the church was held January 7th and over a hundred enjoyed the social supper. Reports showed all obligations met, with twenty new members received during the year, fourteen on confession, making a total of 222; the membership having more than doubled during Rev. B. Dent Naylor's pastorate. A "Kyle" bulletin board has been placed in front of the church with interchangeable letters, wired for night illumination, to be used for announcements and scripture quotations.

Cotati—Under the efficient leadership of the superintendent of Sunday School, Mr. W. Focht, and with the hearty co-operation of the teachers, the Sunday School presented a program during the Christmas season which reflected great credit on all the participants. The decorated tree was attractive, and at the close of the program, consisting of songs, recitations and instrumental selections, fruit and candies were given to all present.

The young people of the Christian Endeavor Society had a "Hard Up Time," but in reality it was a jovial time, with plenty of wholesome fun and an abundance of cakes and cookies. They are to be congratulated on the way they keep together and the spirit of good will and progress which they put into all their efforts.

The Ladies' Aid Society had a bazaar a few days before Christmas and netted nearly $160. In connection with the bazaar a splendid concert was given with local and imported talent. The prospects are good for the little church, for the members of the various branches of service are full of hope and endeavor.

DR. HINMAN CONDUCTS MISSIONARY CLASSES

Beginning with March 1, Dr. Hinman will start on a series of classes, seven a week in seven different churches for six successive weeks. The purpose of these classes is to assist the churches in missionary education by developing thought along the line of race relations through the use of Dr. Robert Speer's book, "Of One Blood," leading up to a conception of "the way of Christ in race relations."

Sunday morning, March 1, he will teach at First Church, San Francisco; Sunday evening at Stockton, Monday evening at Petaluma, Tuesday evening at Sacramento, Wednesday evening at Oakland, Plymouth, Thursday evening at Saratoga, Friday evening at San Jose.

MRS. SHERMAN WELCOMED

As a welcome to Mrs. E. T. Sherman, wife of the pastor at San Leandro, Broadmoor, a reception was given to them in the church the first week in February. Mrs. Sherman has just arrived from Los Angeles and is already taking active part in the work of the pastorate begun six months ago by her husband.

Death of Mrs. Youngman

Mrs. K. A. Youngman, widow of the late A. L. Youngman and aged mother of the Rev. W. H. Youngman of Kenwood and Glen Ellen, and Miss Helen Youngman of Berkeley, passed away January 18th at Kenwood.

She was born at Elkhorn, Wisconsin, December 29, 1851, and was married in Trempralean, Wisconsin. She lived in Minnesota and Missouri and came to California thirty-one years ago. The family lived about one year in Oakland, then located on their ranch near Glen Ellen. Mrs. Youngman moved to Berkeley in 1906 and lived there until three months ago, when she came to Kenwood, hoping to regain her health. She had been an invalid for many years, but for a time after her removal to Kenwood she seemed to improve in health until a week preceding her death, when she failed rapidly until early Sunday morning when she passed peacefully to her heavenly home.

Besides her son and daughter, Rev. William Youngman and Miss Helen Youngman, she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Gilbert Shepard of Twin Lakes, Santa Cruz, and Mrs. A. G. Prentiss of Chicago. Her husband, Mr. Alden L. Youngman, preceded her three years ago. She was for many years a member of the Congregational Church and a regular attendant when her health permitted.

The funeral was held in Santa Rosa, Rev. Isaac Cookman of Sonoma officiating.

Guerneville—The annual reports showed a net gain of five members, several new helpers who have not yet become members, and some new names on the financial list, baptism of two adults and six children.

A municipal tree took the place of the usual Sunday School Christmas exercises. The annual bazaar given by the Ladies' Aid Society and the Sewing Club came early in December. The largest hall in town was filled for the sale, supper and the program participated in by thirty children from three to eight years of age. The net proceeds were $320. The increased interest and cordiality were among the most encouraging results for the year's work.

A town library started by a number of the church ladies promises to be helpful. A "Girls' Reserve" has been organized with quite a number of grammar and high school girls enrolled; the organization is being sponsored by an efficient board of directors made up of the younger women of the church and town.

Petaluma—Some months ago a Boy Scout troop was organized in this church under the efficient leadership of Mr. C. A. Corbin, and the outlook is most promising for the success of this group of earnest boys. Also an Intermediate Christian Endeavor Society has been organized recently and gives promise of a flourishing membership. A turkey dinner and bazaar given before Christmas netted almost $300.

The Sunday School Christmas tree and entertainment drew a capacity house to enjoy the drama and songs, recitations, music, etc. Following the program ice cream was served to all present.

The pastor, Rev. Henry Stauffer, has arranged an open forum for the coming season on topics growing out of addresses which he heard given by Dr. David P. Barrows, ex-president of the University of California; Prof. Paul Cadman, Rabbi Rudolph I. Coffee and Dean Baldwin M. Woods of the University of California.

A TRIBUTE TO WATTS O. PYE

Those of us who heard Rev. Watts O. Pye, D. D., report his epoch-making work in Shansi a few weeks ago were deeply impressed by the force of his personality and by the originality of his methods. Being curious to know something about the remarkable layman who is financing him, I learned that his name is Mr. C. S. Bates, a shoe manufacturer of Exeter, New Hampshire. I wrote him inquiring especially as to the effect of his interest in missions on his spiritual life. Mr. Bates' interest in missions dates from the year in which "The World in Boston," the first foreign missionary exhibit in this country, was given. As a consequence, he volunteered to give a thousand dollars a year for ten years to finance Dr. Pye in his plans to plant Christian civilization in an entire Chinese province. The reflex effect of this venture has been most remarkable, as is evident from that fact that at present he is giving over $5,000 a year toward this work in Shansi, besides giving over $15,000 a year for the support of other enterprises carried on by the American Board. Dr. Pye told me he had never asked Mr. Bates for a dollar.

The following brief letter is very suggestive and deserves wide publicity:

"San Diego, Calif.,
"December 24, 1924.

"Dear Mr. Stauffer:

"Yours of the 5th inst. received. I fear your request is a hard one to answer. If I have grown in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, if my spiritual life has been deepened and broadened, if my faith is stronger, my consciousness of the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit more intense and real, and if I should tell you so, I wonder what you would think.

"Money once seemed to be very valuable for itself; now its value is in what it can produce for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.

"It is a great privilege and blessing to be able to give in His name. A life of service means to go or to send—to preach and teach and live Christ or to support others so they may put their lives into the above service.

Romans 10: 13-15 is often in my mind. If one should ask me how he can serve God, I would answer, Read Matthew 28: 18-20 and Romans as above, and either go or send.

"Most sincerely yours,
"CHAS. A. BATES."

I know of no finer illustration than this of the meaning of Jesus, saying: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."—Henry Stauffer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTOR

While in Chicago we learned that the Education Society is desirous of placing a director in this field and that we are at the top of the list in such consideration. The next director will be appointed to this conference.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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Facilities of University of California
Graduate Courses
Its Alumni occupy the First Church pulpits in many of the leading cities of the State.
HERMAN F. SWARTZ, President

DR. STARK CALLED FOR NEW WORK AT BIG CREEK

Our Home Missionary Society was located a definite responsibility for work at Big Creek, where the Southern California Edison people have a great development project. He made careful search for a man of the proper type and experience to lead this great work and succeeded in getting Dr. L. A. Stark of Gallup, New Mexico to accept it. He and his most accomplished wife will begin work there March 1st. The following clipping from the Gallup Independent is typical of the good words that can be said about these good workers.

(Gallup Indep., Dec. 19, 1924)

Rev. Dr. L. A. Stark tendered his resignation Sunday as pastor of the local Congregational Church. It was a surprise both to his membership and to the community. His pastorate here has been remarkable in many ways—the church under him has made great progress and its influences and help have been extended in many directions. Membership of the church has increased 150 and the attendance has increased four-fold at the morning services and eight-fold at the evening services; an annual budget of $1,500 has been increased to $8,000. The many other ways there are evidences of growth and widening activity. With all this, there is no indebtedness and his successor, whoever he may be, will come to a church with a consecrated and unified membership, devoted to advancing the moral and spiritual welfare of the entire community. The new pastor will take up his work under auspicious circumstances—circumstances that have been made so by Dr. Stark himself, by his untiring efforts in a cause to which he has unreservedly given his life.

The departure of Dr. and Mrs. Stark from Gallup will be regetted not only by the membership of the church, but by all who feel that high, ethical and Christian standards of conduct and life in the town have lost an undoubted and an undaunted champion. Dr. Stark has the distinction of having served his church longer than any of his predecessors and longer than any other Protestant minister in Gallup—four years and a half. His resignation is effective March 1, 1925. When he and Mrs. Stark leave they will be missed from the social and religious life of the town and by its uplifting forces.

It will be of interest to the friends of Dr. Stark to learn that he has accepted a call in California, 70 miles from Fresno, where the Edison Company are putting through a hundred million dollar project. His salary will be $3,000. It will be a virgin field, as it were, where he can bring all his ability and enthusiasm into the cause to which he has dedicated is life.

ORDER "FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER FOR YOUR LENTEN DEVOTIONS

A supply of "The Fellowship of Prayer" booklets has been received by the Conference Office. This is a little book of Scripture Reading, Meditation and Prayer for each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day. For several years thousands of Christians around the world have faithfully followed this program. Wherever family worship is maintained each member should have his own copy. Every home in the parish should be provided with these booklets.

They are on sale at two cents a copy in the Conference Office. All other Lenten Literature will be ordered from the Commission on Evangelism, as orders come in, as the Conference Office this year does not carry a stock of any Lenten Literature except "The Fellowship of Prayer."

STATE CHURCH FEDERATION NEWS

By F. M. Larkin
Secretary, State Church Federation

The church conferences held in various cities of the State by Dr. C. L. Goodell of New York and seven associates, representing as many different denominations, under the general direction of the Federation of Churches, proved to be a great success. The conferences were largely attended by both ministers and laymen active in church work. The meetings in Los Angeles were held in First M. E. Church and the assembly room was crowded, many standing during the entire service of two hours. Dr. Goodell spoke also at Huntington Park, Whittier, Pasadena and Hollywood. An arrangement has been made by which he is to conduct a Church Workers' Conference at the Pacific Palisades during the coming summer assembly season.

The observation of Race Relations, Sunday, February 8th, is growing in importance in the State of California. While there is no increase in the number of Orientals in California, the increase in the number of negroes and Spanish-American people is almost startling. Nora Sterry, one of the conspicuous leaders in our public school work in its relation to various races, recently made the statement that the majority of people in Los Angeles were foreign born. This seems almost impossible, but she is thoroughly acquainted with the social conditions in Los Angeles. Most people will be surprised to know that there are 75,000 negroes in Los Angeles at the present time and a total of 90,000 in the State. The growth of the Mexican population indicates that there are not less than 200,000 at the present time. No question is of more importance to the Christian churches than the right race relations as taught by Jesus Christ. He was interested not in any white race, or black race, but in the human race.

Y. M. C. A.

Men and boys of a dozen nationalities grouped about the table for their sabbath supper—

Each one in this group singing his favorite psalm—

The whole, reflecting a spirit of brotherhood and wholesome religious fervor, amid real fellowship—

That is what the Sunday evening "Strangers' Suppers" at the San Francisco Y. M. C. A., at 220 Golden Gate Avenue, have come to mean.

The weekly supper begins at 5 p. m., following the Sunday afternoon Bible class, which starts an hour earlier. Week by week these suppers have increased in attendance until now they represent a large group of men and boys of various nationalities. There are informal talks, the Y. M. C. A. orchestra furnishes appropriate music, and each man is asked to lead in the singing of his favorite psalm.

The increasing popularity of this Y. M. C. A. feature is approached only by the regular Thursday night religious gatherings at the "Y," at which addresses on religious topics are made by well-known local speakers. These are preceded by programs of instrumental music by the California trio. The public is invited to these affairs and the Sunday night gatherings are open to all men and boys.

PASTOR PUBLISHES ARTICLE

"The City of Grass Valley" is an article recently written by Rev. E. O. Chapel and published in the Christmas issue of the San Francisco News Letter and California Advertiser. It deals with the romantic history of the town, and its economic resources. As well as being pastor of the Congregational Church at Grass Valley, Mr. Chapel is secretary of the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce.

CHANGE OF PRINTERS

With this issue we change printers. The White and Farnsworth people have agreed to give us prompter delivery than we have been having and we have decided that it is better for us to plan to have the paper come out on or about the tenth of each month. Our office work is so crowded earlier in the month that it is not convenient to issue it on the first.

RIO VISTA PASTOR ILL

We sympathize with Rio Vista in the sudden illness of their pastor, Rev. Arthur Bunce. He had begun his work there under most favorable auspices and was happy in the support he was receiving from the field. He is at present in the California Sanitarium at Belmont while his capable wife is radiating her wonderful courage from the parsonage at Rio Vista. The Matthews of Mission Park Church spent a Sunday in Rio Vista as a friend of Mr. and Mrs. Bunce and tells most glowing words of the wonderful spirit shown by the church in their care for the work and interest in Mr. and Mrs. Bunce.

POMONA COLLEGE NEWS

The home pastors of all the students now enrolled in Pomona College, together with other ministers of the region, will be guests of Pomona College at a conference, Wednesday, February 4th. Dr. W. L. Sperry, dean of Harvard Divinity School, will be the guest of honor and will deliver the address of the occasion that evening. The pastors' conference will be held in the morning. At noon the pastors will be guests of Pomona College at a fraternal luncheon, and at 2 o'clock a reception is planned where the pastors may meet the students from their churches.

The object of the conference is to make possible closer co-operation between the home churches and the college, in stimulating religious leadership, wise guidance and healthy environment for all the students on the campus.

SIX PILGRIM BOY CHORUSES ORGANIZED IN BAY DISTRICT

The Pilgrim Boys' Chorus, which has been organized and managed by James H. Price and his brother, Ross H. Price, students at the Pacific School of Religion, are planning, as The Pacific goes to press, to furnish some special numbers in connection with the program of the National Council for the Prevention of War, Sunday, February 8, at First Church, San Francisco.

The organization is in the form of a boys' club, consisting of two or four companies—soprano, alto, tenor and bass. There is a boy captain for each company and the chorus as a whole is always anxious to assist on any occasion where they may be helpful. It is the thought of the leaders that each church should have a chorus of its own to assist in the work and worship of that church. There are now six Pilgrim Choruses in the Bay District.

Miss Mabelle Wilson, director of the vocal department of the Berkeley High School, has been engaged to direct the "Famous Fifty" boy singers of the Pilgrim Boy Choruses. Any boy in the sixth to eighth grades who is interested in music is eligible for a try-out. It is the plan to get special uniforms and many other attractive features for members of the "Famous Fifty," and the boys are given every encouragement to cultivate their gifts at public speaking as well as along musical lines.

Word has been received from Rev. J. B. Silcox, D. D., that he has accepted the pulpit of the First Congregational Church at Vancouver, B. C., for a period of six months. He has been visiting with his brothers in Montreal and Toronto for the past six months.

FIFTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Fifth Pastoral Conference of Pacific School of Religion was one of the best, both in attendance and in interest. The great feature of the Conference was the course of Earl lectures by Dr. Hamilton Holt of New York, the first of which was on "The Federation of the World," the second "Disarmament," the third "The World Court," and the fourth "The Accomplishments of the League of Nations."

Dr. Holt stirred his great audiences deeply and did much to promote the spirit of internationalism. The lectures by Dr. Samuel Angus of St. Andrews College, Sidney, Australia, were very illuminating and stimulating. His topic was "The Contemporary and the Perennial in the New Testament." He pointed out the presence of many transient and contemporary elements in the New Testament but showed how much greater are the permanent and abiding truths.

Dr. Elijah A. Hanley, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Berkeley, gave an interesting and helpful course on "The Holy Spirit" for the Quiet Hour.

Rev. Oliver Huckel, S. T. D., Pastor of the Second Congregational Church, Greenwich, Connecticut, gave a course on "The Backgrounds of Prayer" in which he showed, with a fine sympathy and insight, the kinship of faith in all lands and ages as illustrated by the prayers of Babylonia, Assyria, Egypt, Persia, India, Greece, northern Europe, and primitive America.

Two vital and valuable open forums were held, one upon "Replenishing the Christian Ministry," conducted by President Herman F. Swartz, and the other on "Peace and War," conducted by Bishop Edward L. Parsons.

Clergymen attending the conference were hospitably entertained by the women of the Berkeley Churches and expressed themselves as having found the conference both enjoyable and profitable.

J. W. BUCKHAM.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

	January 10-31st.	
Special Gift	$ 10.00	
Alturas	3.50	
Berkeley, North	73.94	
Grass Valley	12.35	
Hayfork	10.00	
Lockeford	50.00	
Loomis	200.00	
Oakland, First	48.00	
" Boulevard	21.40	
" Fruitvale	38.57	
Sanger	6.25	
San Jose	85.00	
Santa Cruz	30.00	
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CHURCH NEWS

San Francisco, Richmond—During the past year extensive improvements have been made to the church property. The building has been reroofed, painted, and otherwise improved. Repairs and alterations have been made to church interior. Plans are under way for changes to translucent lighting. A distinct advertising feature has been the new illuminated sign and lighted tower.

There has been a 40 per cent increase in membership and attendance in all departments. The series of religious pictures being shown at the evening services are stimulating a renewed interest and study of the "Book of Books." The church for the first time in many years is not asking for missionary aid. The year of 1925 promises a great growth for the church.

San Jose—The church held its annual meeting and supper Wednesday evening, January 14, with Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Swartz as guests. An appreciative group listened to Dr. Swartz as he detailed conditions peculiar to the parishes east of the Rockies, leaving his hearers to make the application to western conditions, and everyone went out with enthusiasm to take a new grip on the work of the immediate future.

In a few weeks San Jose celebrates its jubilee and both pastor and people desire to make the anniversary an occasion worthy of its history.

San Mateo—The Church School mystery play at Christmas was most enjoyable and appropriate. Too much praise cannot be given to Miss Bartle and her corps of assistants. Through the courtesy of the Atlas Electric Co., the big pine was illuminated with many colored electric lights and was the most conspicuous Christmas tree of the city.

Recently the Boy Scouts had an interesting time on a hike to Spring Valley Lakes, conducted by Mr. A. D. Allen, the Scoutmaster, and Mr. P. A. Oliver. The boys ended up in a hare and hounds race. There are now 11 members enrolled and a number of prospective candidates.

The first Sunday in January twenty-one new members were received into the membership of the church.

New Year wishes are extended to the individual as follows: "No cold storage smiles; vigorous, health and moral gymnastics; daily exercise of the top faculty; the simple life; time and leisure for home, friends, books and to cultivate the homespun virtues; a personality magnetic, radiating joy, helpfulness and sunny faith. And for the church: One hundred additions to the membership in 1925; the church school enrollment increased one-third; the men watching the zeal of the woman's club; each member active, growing, keeping faith, friendly, eager, expectant, prayerful and delivered from that tired feeling on Sundays."

Plymouth, Oakland—This church has set the following goals for 1925: 1, To take Jesus in earnest; 2, To make Plymouth Church grow: (a) in membership to 800; (b) a home expense budget of $20,000; (c) a world service budget of $2,000; (d) in church school standards to a point of leadership; (e) in community service and influence—recognized as "the body of Christ."

On the first Sunday of the New Year, Plymouth Church dedicated a new sign. The name Plymouth is surmounted by a cross in white. It is placed on Piedmont Avenue, in front of Plymouth Center, and is a very effective and beautiful way of advertising. At the dedication the people gathered about and one of the Plymouth boys, Lyle Bardo, played a cornet while the people sang "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," and a Plymouth song, "Upward, Onward, Plymouth." A brief prayer of dedication was offered by Mr. McCready.

A cross over the eastern door of the church has also been surrounded with electric lights and was also dedicated in a similar way on the Sunday before Christmas.

Dr. Hinman's class in Race Problems is to begin in March. The semi-monthly Church Night Suppers are to be continued till after Easter and contribute much to the spirit and work of Plymouth.

Since there are so many men and women connected somewhat with Plymouth who are not members of any church, and who have never publicly confessed their loyalty to Christ, an invitation committee has been appointed to aid the pastor in winning others to Christian discipleship and church membership.

The Plymouth League of Worshippers is composed of those who have signed this simple pledge: "From now until Easter, I will attend the morning service of worship unless prevented by some cause which I could offer as a good and honest reason for not attending school, going to my daily work, or keeping some social engagement."

Sacramento—The annual meeting of the Sacramento church was held January 7th. One hundred forty-six partook of a dinner served at the Y. M. C. A. During the year sixty-seven were admitted on Confession of Faith, and thirty-six by letter, a total of 103. A large list of absentees and inactive members was transferred to the inactive roll, so that the net gain for the year was only seventeen, making the membership at the present time 325. Approximately $8,000 was expended in the parish during the year, and the financial resources increased by $25,000 for the building program. The Sunday School showed a splendid increase in both enrollment and attendance.

All of the departments and organizations reported a healthy condition, and balances totaling several hundred dollars are carried in the treasuries. The church voted to engage in a personal evangelism campaign leading up to Easter, and to press the building fund to completion during the spring.

Oakland Boulevard: At a recent meeting of the church it was voted to sell their present property and seek a new location, probably on Seminary Ave. It was also voted to cooperate with the Bay Association in putting on a new and larger program under the leadership of some man of outstanding ability with the expectation of making the church one of the great factors in Oakland church circles.

Niles—Under the leadership of Rev. Allan R. Goozee, the boys' club of Friendly Indians had their first rally get-together banquet the last Friday evening in January. The club is made up of an enthusiastic group of about twenty boys under twelve years of age, who were dressed in native costumes and decorated with war paint. One would have had difficulty in realizing that these were the same boys who compose the Junior department of the Sunday School, which is in a flourishing condition. Impromptu speeches by the boys and others present, and the program was concluded by an impressive ceremony conducted by the Friendly Indians in which they buried Old Man Grouch.

In addition to this group of boys, Mr. Goozee is a leader of a strong Boy Scout troop.

Lodi, Ebenezer—The church has just completed a seven-room parsonage costing $2,300, most of the work having been done voluntarily by the members of the church.

Oakland, Olivet—Eighty-five persons sat down to dinner prepared by the Ladies' Guild for the annual dinner and meeting of the church. Two hours were spent in transacting business and discussing the work, and everyone left for home with a good measure of satisfaction as well as enthusiasm for the future.

The budget drive is almost completed and the budget raised thus far exceeds last year's total by $402, with more to follow. This mark is considered most gratifying when it is remembered that the element that left with the former pastor means a financial loss of nearly $500.

Repairs amounting to $790 were made, which puts the plant in presentable condition and paves the way for work along the lines of benevolence and reduction of missionary aid.

The increase in membership is only eight, but the personnel is healthy in every respect. The pastor, Rev. J. Vincent Jones, reports that the congregations the last two Sunday mornings have exceeded in numbers anything the pastor has seen since he came on the field, and he is confident that a substantial increase will be reported within the next few months.

San Francisco, Mission Park—Three months ago the Federal Electric Company installed at Mission Park Church, San Francisco, a most effective electric sign whose message can be read for a great distance from the north, south, east and west of the church location at Dolores and Nineteenth Streets.

The design is somewhat similar to that used by the Mercantile Trust Co. At the top are the words Mission Park Congregational, placed horizontally, under those is the word Church in vertical letters one foot high, at the base is the word Welcome in letters six inches high.

Every night in the week this silent messenger sends out its greeting to the district. It adds cheer and brightness to an otherwise dark spot in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ham, long-time members of Mission Park, departed during the middle of January on a tour through Egypt, conducted by the Raymond & Whitcomb Company. When the cruise reaches Venice, Mr. and Mrs. Ham will stop off and not return with the company, but instead, they plan to remain in Italy for several months, returning home in September.

San Leandro-Broadmoor: Quite definite steps have been taken in a forward move for Broadmoor, as is evidenced in the organization of a Men's Club, a Boy Scout Troop, plans for a Women's Society, a membership of 250 in the Sunday School with an average attendance of 199, the introduction of moving pictures for evening gatherings, and a decided increase in the attendance at church services; an exchange of current and up-to-date magazines has been begun, with the hope that in the future a reading room can be provided.

Recently the pastor, Rev. E. T. Sherman, had each individual indicate the phase of church activity in which each was interested. From the replies Mr. Sherman prepared a wall chart with the activities running at right angles to the names of the workers, so that each member could see just which department had been assigned to him.

Berkeley, Bethany — There is no doubt that this little church is on the up grade as the result of the work of a group of students from the Pacific School of Religion and the cooperation and support of the local people.

Nine new members joined the church last Sunday and five more will be received next Sunday.

More than fifty are expected at the Mother and Daughter banquet scheduled for the latter part of this week, being handled under the direction of Miss Ethel Dickson, Miss Alice Lindsley and Mrs. Wm. Bjere.

Mr. Wm. I. Newman who has been associated with Mr. J. H. Price in the direction of the work, has returned to his home at Long Beach, where he is working with Dr. Wm. R. Marshall in the Atlantic Avenue Church.

LOOMIS REDEDICATES

Friends of the Loomis Church will be happy to learn that the interior of the building has been entirely remodeled and greatly improved at an expense that the local church has been able to take care of themselves. Delightful exercises were held Sunday, February 8th at which time Superintendent Minchin preached the sermon. Rev. Richard C. Day, the minister is very happy with the change and shows a fine leadership in all phases of his work.

MARTINEZ INSTALLATION

Invitations are out calling a council to install Rev. William H. Hannaford at Martinez, Tuesday, February 24th. A year's service in this field has so related pastor and people that they look forward to this occasion with high anticipation.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Association is called for April 2-3 at Salida, Rev. F. J. Conliffe, pastor. Delegates should be selected early.

TO CORRECT MISSTATEMENT

Contrary to the statement made in the January issue of The Pacific to the effect that in the Every Member Canvass conducted by the Stockton Church, the house to house visitation was used this year for the first time in the five years that the campaign has been made, attention has been called to the fact that during this period of five years the house to house canvass has been made every year, except in 1923, when a banquet canvass with telephone follow-up was used and found unsuccessful. This was the experience that led the Stockton Church officials to say that the house to house canvass is the only successful method for that church.

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